

DOUBLES TENNIS STARS RETAIN NATIONAL TITLE

Johnston and Griffin Withstand Challenge of McLaughlin and Dawson.

PERFECTION OF TEAM WORK WINS MATCH

Progress Made in Singles on West Side Courts—Behr Beats Armstrong.

Feature Matches on Courts To-day

11 a. m.—C. W. MacPherson vs. Dean Mathey.
1:30 p. m.—Richard Norris Williams vs. Robert Le Roy.
2 p. m.—Maurice E. McLaughlin vs. Kenneth Hawks; William M. Johnston vs. Francis T. Hunter; Leonard Beckman vs. Harold A. Throckmorton; Willis E. Davis vs. Roland Roberts.
2:15 p. m.—Frederick B. Alexander vs. Theodore Roosevelt Pell.
3:30 p. m.—George Myers Church vs. Ichiji Kumagae.

By FRED HAWTHORNE.

William M. Johnston, national singles champion, and Clarence J. Griffin, his partner in the holding of the national doubles lawn tennis title, retained their championship on the exhibition court of the West Side Tennis Club, at Forest Hills, yesterday by defeating Maurice E. McLaughlin and Ward Dawson, challengers, three sets to one, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

All four men are Californians, hence there was no sectional feeling displayed among the 8,000 spectators who crowded the big stands, but a vast majority of those who watched the native sons battle to a finish were animated by one hope—that McLaughlin and his young partner would triumph.

It was not to be. Johnston, rushing into forecourt with his old speed, broke back assault after assault upon his partner in invincible manner. Perfection of team work, rare anticipation as to the next point of attack upon the part of those who sought to deprive them of their title, proved a combination too powerful for McLaughlin and Dawson to overcome, and they went down fighting bravely to the end.

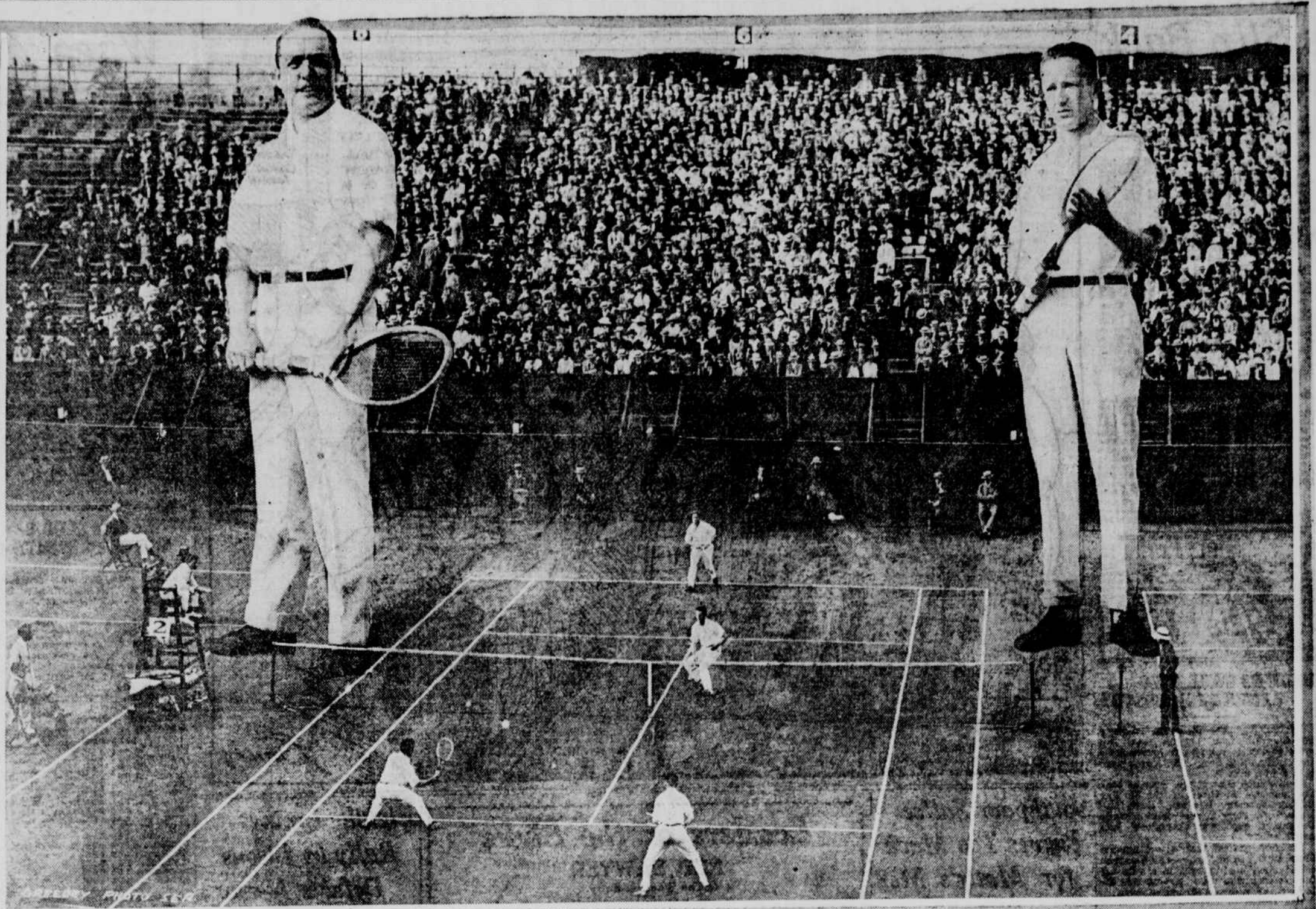
Johnston had retained one of his national titles and McLaughlin failed to capture one of those he formerly held. For the rest of the week the Comet will endeavor to regain the title, but he will be met by Johnston, and the hearts of thousands will be with him in his quest.

The play in the singles went forward without a hitch, sixty matches being wiped off the slate, and in almost every case the favorites came through as they were expected to do. The feature match in this division occurred when Karl Behr, Davis Cup veteran and fourth in the ranking list, defeated Conrad B. Doyle, of Washington, recent conqueror of George M. Church, Doyle, playing his chop strokes with deadly precision, took the first two sets from Behr, and looked to be on the high road to victory before the impetuous internationalist took hold of himself and literally bombarded his way to triumph, winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6. It was a narrow squeak for Behr.

Willis E. Davis, national clay court champion, played in impressive style in defeating Joseph J. Armstrong, of Philadelphia, at 8-6, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1. The Californian whipped his terrific service into Armstrong's court with deadly results, and the best the latter could do was to send back weak defensive returns.

Too Speedy for Armstrong. Davis nullified much of the effect of Armstrong's severely cut strokes by his wonderful speed in reaching the net, particularly in following in his two service to the net. The clay court champion's great reach and his ability to bring off "kills" to any part of the court spelled doom for Armstrong.

Four Famous Tennis Players in Big Clash for Doubles Title on Court at Forest Hills



Eight thousand tennis fans saw William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin successfully defend their national doubles title against Maurice E. McLaughlin and Ward Dawson at Forest Hills yesterday.

An exciting moment of play is shown in the large picture. McLaughlin Griffin's return. Johnston is pictured in the foreground at the right. The inserted photographs are those of the champions in their tennis foreground) is about to return. Dawson is at the net, waiting to smash. Griffin is on the left.

Point by Point.

NATIONAL DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

WILLIAM M. JOHNSTON AND CLARENCE J. GRIFFIN VS. MAURICE E. M'LAUGHLIN AND WARD DAWSON.

FIRST SET.

Point Score. Pts. G.

Johnston and Griffin. 4-1 1-2 4-4 6-3 6-4

McLaughlin and Dawson. 2-1 4-1 1-1 6-4 3-2

STROKE ANALYSIS.

N. O. P. S. A. D. F.

Johnston. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Griffin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

McLaughlin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Dawson. 4 6 2 0 0 1

SECOND SET.

Point Score. Pts. G.

Johnston and Griffin. 4-2 4-4 4-4 6-3 6-4

McLaughlin and Dawson. 2-1 4-1 1-1 6-4 3-2

STROKE ANALYSIS.

N. O. P. S. A. D. F.

Johnston. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Griffin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

McLaughlin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Dawson. 4 6 2 0 0 1

THIRD SET.

Point Score. Pts. G.

Johnston and Griffin. 4-1 1-2 4-4 6-3 6-4

McLaughlin and Dawson. 2-1 4-1 1-1 6-4 3-2

STROKE ANALYSIS.

N. O. P. S. A. D. F.

Johnston. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Griffin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

McLaughlin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Dawson. 4 6 2 0 0 1

RECAPITULATION.

N. O. P. S. A. D. F.

Johnston. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Griffin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

McLaughlin. 4 6 2 0 0 1

Dawson. 4 6 2 0 0 1

batteries and bear down on the Comet, who sometimes faltered on stroke, but never in courage.

The title holders won the next three games and the second set at 6-3, but still the crowd placed its faith in Mac the Red. It looked as though the Comet and his partner had stemmed the tide in the third set, for they ran into a lead of 5-2 on games, eventually winning the set at 7-5, largely on McLaughlin's wonderfully brilliant play.

In the sixth game of this set the former champion brought the spectators up standing by winning the game with a tremendous smash from deep court, leaping into the air for the ball, which went in for a backstop net and into the stands. The Comet was a blaze of energy and speed. Into every play of his court he leaped and every stroke, refusing to be put out of any play.

Makes Furious Attacks. Powerful smashes and lightning drives were mixed with cunning change of pace by the great Californian, and practically unaided he swept Johnston and Griffin before the fury of his attack, nor did he stop until the set had been won and the seven minute rest interval called.

But it was the final effort, for the champions, moving forward to the net again in relentless, irresistible progress, clinched the fourth set, the match and the championship by running into a lead of 3-1 on games. By a wonderful spurt McLaughlin and Dawson were compelled to take the return right at their last strength and the champions closed in irresistibly, taking the last three games in a row for the set at 6-3.

The Comet was serving to Johnston for the final point. Hardly had he started for the net, following in his service, than Johnston, lithe, alert, caught the ball on his forehead and shot it back so swiftly that McLaughlin was compelled to take the return right at his feet and could only pop weakly into the net. Thus was the championship won for the second time by Johnston and Griffin.

The matches to-day will be played in the order in which the players came through yesterday. Voshell meeting Philip Vandeventer, etc.

THE SPORT-LIGHT by Grantland Rice

Books Golf Players Should Read.

"The Inside of the Cup," Churchill.
"Bunker Bean," Wilson.
"The Last Shot," Palmer.

"Some Western club still has a fine chance for the pennant by beating the Red Sox four straight." And we have a fine chance to pick up \$100,000 if we can borrow that much from Colonel Andy Carnegie.

The Era of Great Machines. The test of a great, or at least a first class ball club, is ability to win a pennant and then repeat.

Apparently the Red Sox are the only entries in this class left, and they have yet to show the fibre of the older line-ups.

Starting in 1901, Pittsburgh won three years in a row. That showing was the test of class.

The Giants won in 1904 and 1905; they won again in 1911, 1912 and 1913. That was proof enough of class, beyond all argument.

The two great machines were the Cubs and Mackmen. The Cubs, starting in 1906, won four pennants in five years. The Mackmen, starting in 1910, did the same.

These are the only two clubs in the last twenty-five years to make such a showing. There isn't a club in the National League to-day that even compares with the old Cubs. There isn't a team in the American League to be mentioned in the same class with the Mackmen.

A ball club may win a pennant one season through breaks in the luck, through playing beyond normal speed for a stretch. But no ball club is winning three pennants in a row or four pennants in five years unless it out-classes the field.

The Braves scattered the old Mackmen line-up. But the Braves have yet to prove their class by winning another flag.

A. A. B.—You lose. Larned won the lawn tennis championship seven years, the only contender who ever reached this mark.

The Main Difference. The main difference between the Mackmen of 1911 and the Mackmen of 1916 is about this—one had no trouble winning 100 games and the other had even less trouble in losing 100. Outside of this slight shift, the two clubs are singularly alike.

The Growth of the Field. There was a day not so many seasons ago when you could pick out two or three men in a golf or tennis championship and forget the rest of the field. That day has been officially closed out. When over two million earnest contenders go in for two sports it is only a question of a brief while before the monarchy is wrecked. You can still pick out two or three leaders, but they are liable to have their scalps lifted before the warming up process is finished.

This is proven well enough in golf and tennis. No man has won the lawn tennis championship twice in succession for the last four years. McLaughlin, Williams and Johnston have won in turn. No man has won the golf championship twice since 1912-13. Travers won in 1913, Olmstead in 1914 and Gardner in 1915. It's a tough existence for the champ. They generally have all the laurel raked from his brow before he knows what happened.

The Duffer Interjects. Sometimes I miss a two-foot putt, The sort that stings and pinches; And then I promptly turn around And blow one eighteen inches.

When the Robins arrive back in Brooklyn with Jake Daubert back in and the fragrant odor of that world series kale only a sniff or two away, they will be as easy to overhaul as a frenzied coyote who has just decided to run.

Maxims of the 19th Hole. It is as easy for a golfer who loathes his temper to reach the heights as it is for a rich man to pass through the eye of a needle. He that hitteth the back of the cup at the 19th hole shall fall short on his approaches through the fairway of life.

The Great Why. These little points of vaccine A complex problem raise; How can they be unpopular Yet have such taking ways?

If Kumagae wins at Forest Hills it will require the combined diplomacy of the other forty-seven or forty-nine states to prevent California from starting an invasion of Japan.

Results of Racing at Belmont Park.

FIRST RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

SECOND RACE—For maidens two-year-olds, with \$100 added. Five and a half furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Sage. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:06 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

FOURTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

FIFTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

SIXTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

SEVENTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

EIGHTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

NINTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

TENTH RACE—For three-year-olds and upward, with \$100 added. Six furlongs, straight.

Horse. Wt. Jockey. Odds. Pts. G.
Barberry Candler. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Hilma Maiden. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Old Ely. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Yellowtail. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Lark. 112. H. Jockey. 10-1 1-2
Time, 1:11 1/2. Start good. Won easily. Winner, by J. J. Flanagan, trained by H. Hughes.

STROMBOLI WINS FEATURE EVENT AT BELMONT PARK

Capra Finishes Second in Autumn Handicap—Long Shot in Front.

Stromboli, August Belmont's popular five-year-old chestnut gelding, well ridden by J. McTaggart, easily won the Belmont Park Autumn Handicap, with \$1,500 added, the feature of yesterday's opening day programme. This son of Fair Play, which was favorably regarded by the public, ran away from Capra through the last sixteenth and finished under wraps. Short Grass, which figured to hustle Stromboli all the way, was never in the race after the start. He trailed the field of four all the way home.

It was an enthusiastic crowd, though not overly generous as to numbers, that greeted the thoroughbreds on their return from Saratoga for the farewell meeting of the season in the metropolitan district. In view of the tremendously successful season at the Spa the attendance was small indeed. A number of the horses that helped entertain the faithful did not arrive until well toward noon.

Leochares, in the first race, vindicated home industry by beating the imported Mont d'Or II down the six-furlong straight. John Sanford paid \$5,000 for the winner last season. Leochares was ridden out at the finish to stand off Bayberry Candle. Only three faced the starter in the steeplechase, and one had to be added to make even a field of that pretension. The added starter, Martini, landed the race, Powers showing fine judgment of pace and making his drive at the right time. Lee was unsteady with Virrh, which was heavily played. He swerved continually all over the course. The fact that Martini was taken off the train shortly before noon influenced the play on Virrh.

Vivid, heavily backed in the second race, of five and a half furlongs straight, furnished the first upset of the afternoon. Fifteen two-year-olds went to the post. Spectre overran the field through the last furlong and finished four lengths ahead of the favorite.

Republian was the best thing of the afternoon, but he escaped the sharps. He won the third race, at a mile and a sixteenth, though his price was as liberal as 20 to 1. The favorite, Phantom, had a romp in the last race.

TRAVERS NOT ENTERED IN BIG GOLF TOURNEY

Entries for the national amateur championship, which begins at the Merion Cricket Club next Monday, were given out yesterday by Secretary Howard F. Whitney, of the United States Golf Association.

The name of Jerome D. Travers does not appear on the list. He has won the amateur title on four occasions and last year was the open champion. Outside of Travers and Travis most all of the players from the Metropolitan district who are eligible are scheduled to start. The list has 155 names on it this year, just a dozen more than last summer.

Fight Log.

TO-NIGHT.
Madison Square Garden—Johnny Dundee and Joe Wells.

THURSDAY.
Averne & C.—Paddy Cline and Young Recler.
Saller Velt and Larry Hanes.
Clement A. C.—Billy Mike and Johnny Howard.

FRIDAY.
Harden & C.—Willie Mohr and Woe Wee.
New Polo A. A.—Cowboy Charley Shands and Saller Mohr.

Brown's Far Rockaway A. A.—Mike Smith and Dave Mulder. Joe Lynch and Happy Smith.

SATURDAY.
Broadway & C.—Mike Denny and Young Sharkey.
Harden & C.—Saller Mohr and Battling Jones.

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